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[1](#)B. USUN 354

[1](#)1. Embassy Gaborone delivered the message in Ref A to the Government of Botswana via diplomatic note on April 16. Pol/Econ Chief also discussed the USG's candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council with Mr. Nkoloi Nkoloi, Director for Europe and the Americas at the Botswana Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on April 15. Nkoloi indicated that the GOB was pleased that the USG had decided to rejoin the Council. Poloff told him that in a recent meeting at the UN (ref B), Botswana's PermRep Ambassador Ntwaagae had assured Ambassador Rice that we could count on Botswana's support during the Human Rights Council vote. Poloffs will circulate copies of the Human Rights Pledge document (provided via email from AF/S) to relevant contacts in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to local human rights organizations.
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